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Exposition In Chicago Is Planned

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Celebration For 1963 Will Include State, Regional Fairs, Too

CHICAGO — All nations with citizens of African descent will be invited to participate in the national observance of the 100th anniversary of the in 1963.

The celebration will be staged by the American Negro Emancipation Centennial Authority, which has offices here at 4339 S. Drexel boulevard. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the authority plans to stage a national exposition of Negro progress here.

IN ADDITION, the authority will supervise state and area fairs under local direction of members of its national board of trustees. In addition to key U. S. cities, the trustees live in Haiti and the West Indian Federation.

American trustees are residents of states extending from Illinois to Mississippi, and from New York to California. The board is interracial.

Exhibits at the Chicago and local expositions will cover business, commerce and industry, agriculture, government, education, religion, history, fine arts, medicine, literature, music, theatre, social services, sports, science, law, labor, armed services and fraternal activity.

AMONG THE NATIONS to be invited to participate are nine African countries, Mexico, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Jamaica, Cuba, Trinidad, Venzeula, Dutch Guiana Peru, Columbia and Argenta. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands also will be asked to participate.

The authority has as its executive director and founder, Alton A. Davis, who has spent six years working on exposition plans with the organization's leaders.

OFFICERS of the authority include Bindley C. Cyrus, secretary, and Gen Richard L. Jones, treasurer, both of Chicgo. James E. Stamps of Chicago is chairman of the board

Trustees include Alderman Ralph H. Metcalfe of Chicago, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College in Atlanta; Bishop Joseph Joseph Gomez Cleveland, Congressman Adam C. Powell of New York, Dr. Charles H. Wesley, president of Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, and Paul R. Williams, the Los Angleles architect.

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EXPOSITION OF THE NEGRO AT THE COLISEUM (CHICAGO,ILLINOIS)

Negro Key To U.S. Future—Powell

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The future of America hinges on the Negro, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell told Chicagoans Friday night.

Speaking at the second annual Exposition of the Negro in Business and Culture at the Coliseum, the suave New Yorker explained the world is judging American by its treatment of Negroes.

"As long as we have second class citizenship, America is in danger of being a second class nation" the veteran civil rights congressman said. "The only people who can save the U. S. from this is the Negro," he continued.

The Democratic lawmaker said the student sit-iners in the South are doing more for democracy and the prestige of the U. S. abroad than the Department of State.

Powell, pastor of Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist church, brought repeated rounds of applause from the audience of two hundred or so with his rousing address.

The Congressman said the future of the U. S. no longer rests with Europe, but with Africa. "Unless we accept the brown and black man of African nations, we will be reduced to a second class nation," he prophesied.

Powell explained the Negro's role in America's future as the connecting link between the U. S. and Africa. He urged a stronger fight against "tokenism" and for first class rights for the Afro-American.

Turning to the presidential campaign, Powell said now that Humphrey is out of the race, "I am leaning toward (Stuart) Symington."

But not committing himself to the Missouri Democrat, Powell added, "We'll see what happens at the convention."

IN BERLIN, GERMANY—Wayne Tellis, 18-year-old high school student from Harvey, Illinois, demonstates photo equipment to interested East and West German visitors at the "Youth U.S.A." exhibit in West Berlin's International Industrial Fair. The U.S. Information Agency developed the exhibit and selected the 28 American students to represent the United States at the Fair.

Fair Well-Attended As Boycott Fizzles

More Than 10,000 Negroes Ignore NAACP

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 17. — (AP)—State Fair Secretary N. S. Hand estimated more than 10,000 Negroes attended the Negro State Fair Monday despite threats of a boycott because of segregation.

"I have seen no evidence of a boycott," Mr. Hand said. "Easily 10,000 people have gone in today, it's about the same as last year at this time, if not more."

Last week Eugene Carter Jr., 25-year-old junior at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, said 5,000 students from Tougaloo, Jackson State College, Campbell College and high schools were expected to boycott the fair.

Medgar Evers of Jackson, eld secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said "The boycott is planned because Negroes have been relegated to competing with one another, and not allowed to compete with everyone else at the fair."

NEGROES ATTEND FAIR

Student's Segregation Idea Being Ignored

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 18. — (UPI)—The Negro State Fair has gotten off to a fast start, apparently unaffected by a Negro student's statement last week criticizing the fair on a segregated basis.

W. E. Ammons, general superintendent of the Negro Division, said Monday that an attendance record might be set at the end of the three-day run.

The state fair ended a week's run for whites only last Saturday and Monday opened for Negroes.

Eugene Carter Jr., a student at Tougaloo Southern Christian College, issued the statement Friday and said, "We believe that no Negro person who believes in human dignity and democracy will participate in, or attend, the Mississippi State Fair for Negroes this year."

Negro Fair Opens Here On Monday

The Mississippi State Fair Negro Division will open its doors Monday at 11 a.m.

The formal opening will follow a parade featuring high school bands and floats.

Included also will be the queens from many of these High Schools. The three major Negro colleges of the state are expected to participate with their bands and marching units also.

Utica Junior College along with Coahoma Junior College, Piney Woods, Saints Industrial, Prentiss and Meridian will take part in the parade.

Other youth organizations expected to participate with floats are the 4-H Clubs, Hi-Y and Tri Hi-Y groups, the YWCA, YMCA, NFA, and NHA Organizations.

Fraternal and business organizations will feature floats in the parade.

The parade will begin at 10:45 a.m. at the corner of Hamilton and Mill Streets preceeding up Capitol to State over to Amite and down to the fair grounds. All Bands and floats are to be in place at 10 a.m.

Strong emphasis is placed on quality exhibits for the 1960 State Fair and a greater participation on the part of civic and social clubs from the City of Jackson.

Special features will be flower garden exhibits, booths with exhibits from high schools and colleges, the livestock show and general farm crops.

The Fair slogan is "Quality for the '60's'. Thomas M. Moran, Jr. state 4-H Club agent is chairman of the parade committee.

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TENNESSEE

Mid-South Negro Activities To Be Seen At Family Fair

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Family Fair Association, Inc., a non-profit organization, has been formed to stage the Tenn-Ark-Miss Family Fair Oct. 7-9 at the Fairgrounds.

The new exposition seeks to display and reward progress of rural and urban residents in agriculture, education, industry and the arts.

It will replace the Tri-State Fair, a Negro exhibition which had been scheduled to stage its 47th annual event in October following the Sept. 23-Oct. 1 Mid-South Fair. The suspension of the Tri-State Fair was announced in June.

"The Family Fair will be the largest Negro-planned exposition in the South," Phil Moss, Fair director, announced yesterday.

"The three-day event will feature daily shows starring big name entertainers, farm and home demonstrations, livestock exhibits, a talent search, a spelling bee, a Scout-o-rama, fashion shows and fine arts and educational exhibits. All of these will be in addition to the family fun and recreation to be enjoyed along the big midway, the lagoon water show and other attractions," he said.

$8,000 In Prizes

A premium list containing more than $8,000 in prizes and purses has been prepared. Featured will be a Walter Durham Memorial Award, honoring the late farm editor of The Commercial Appeal and director of the Plant To Prosper Bureau.

Board members of the Family Fair Association are Ernest Brazzle, J. E. Burke, Harry Cash, Bert Ferguson, Rev. Blair T. Hunt, A. A. Latting, H. S. Lewis, Rev. J. A. McDaniel, Nat D. Williams, David James Mattis, Cornell Wells, Dr. J. H. White and A. C. Williams.

Mayor Henry Loeb has been enlisted to cut the ribbon opening the Fair on Oct. 7.

WDIA, radio station with Negro programs, will co-operate in production and promotion.

To Provide Showcase

Mr. Ferguson, WDIA general manager, who will serve as president of the Fair Board, said, "Community leaders of Memphis and all over the Tri-States have expressed the need for an outlet for this area's immense Negro community. The Family Fair was created to provide a showcase for our 4-H youth, New Farmers of America, Boy Scouts, state supported schools and for the various other institutions and cultural activities of the Greater Mid-South."

Mr. Latting, vice president and counsel, said, "In 1963, Chicago will be the scene of a centennial exposition, 'A Century of Negro Progress.' If a major Northern city can have such an event, there seems no less a need for Negro fairs and expositions in the South."

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TEXAS

Protesting Segregation And Discrimination In Use Of Facilities, NAACP—

The Informer

Throws State-Wide Picket Line At State Fair

Austin Texas

DALLAS — Attorney Althea Simmons, Executive Secretary of the Texas State Conference of Branches, National Association For the Advancement of Colored People announced here today that plans are being completed to throw a picket line around the State Fair on October 17th, a day set aside as "Negro Achievement Day."

State-wide picketing was scheduled to begin at 8 a m and will be manned by interested citizens and the NAACP Branch.

The demonstration will be held in protest of discrimination against Negroes in that only one day is open to them to enjoy the facilities, rights and privileges accorded other Americans.

In an interview with a Dallas Express reporter, Mrs. Simmons stated: "We are quite concerned when Negro children are denied the use of midway facilities and all other facilities located on the municipal park on a year-round basis." She further said that "Young men and women this past year were refused altogether the use of facilities of Fair Park weekly and were denied complete access to facilities. This picket line is a protest against such gross discrimination."